

Best Management Practices for Marinas and Boatyards

An Environmental Guide to Controlling Nonpoint Pollution in Maine

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The BMPs described in this manual derive largely from efforts undertaken in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island project began in 1992 with a grant from the New England office of the Environmental Protection Agency, using funding from the Clean Water Act. A project advisory committee consisting of federal and state regulators, marina industry representatives, and university researchers provided important input, insights, and expertise during the project. This manual reflects the best results of their work.

This manual was originally produced in December, 1995. It has been extensively supplemented in this new version. The additional information presented here should be more complete and of greater value to boatyard and marina owners.

This edition of the manual includes:

- a new section about all applicable regulations;
- much more on stormwater management and erosion control;
- new sections on fuel, hazardous materials and wastes management, spill prevention, and all applicable operations for boat maintenance and repairs;
- a description of a pilot project to collect and treat boat bottom washwater;
- the state's water classification of Maine coastal waters; and
- much more.

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The best management practices presented in this manual are meant to guide the marina or boatyard operator in meeting or exceeding their regulatory responsibilities, but are not a substitute for existing regulations. Any questions about specific regulations and compliance responsibilities should be directed to the Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 (207-287-2651).

DEP is continually gathering information on new BMPs, so this manual is a "work in progress". Your input is welcome. If you have information that you think should be included in this document, if you can suggest corrections, or if you need additional information, please contact Marianne Hubert at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection at 287-4140.